

fed to the packaging machine. With Bennett's printer, the film is continuously fed to the printer but this continuously fed film is momentarily stopped locally while the printer prints thereon, as Bennett himself calls his printer as "an intermittent printing type" (column 5, line 23). By contrast, the printer according to the present invention serves to print without stopping the film even locally. In other words, although Bennett's printer keeps receiving the film and sending off the printed film in a continuous flow as seen externally (both from the upstream and downstream sides), it stops the film intermittently and does not cause the printed specified print data to appear on the film "as said film passes continuously between said printer and said print roller".

Thus, a packaging system according to four times amended claim 1 is not obvious even if the cited references are considered in combination, and the Examiner's rejection is believed overcome. Such an action at an earlier date is earnestly solicited such that a request for continued prosecution of this application will be avoided.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 has been amended as follows:

1. (Four times amended) A packaging system comprising:

a packaging machine which continuously transports a bag-making film along a path while forming said film into a tubular form, fills said tubularly formed film with articles to be packaged inside a bag having a specified bag length and seals said film to produce a packaged product;

a printer and a print roller disposed along said path for printing specified print data on said film as said film passes continuously between said printer and said print roller and causing said printed specified print data to appear on said film;

a packaging condition memory which stores packaging conditions including said bag length and packaging speed for operating said packaging machine;

a print data memory which stores print data from which said specified print data are specified; and

a correlation data memory which stores correlation data between said print data and said packaging conditions, said correlation data memory storing specified ones of said print data in correlation with specified ones of said packaging conditions.